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Environment Department to Hold Open House on Terrero Mine Clean Up

(Santa Fe, NM) – The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) will hold an open house to discuss the clean up progress at the Tererro Mine and El Molino Mill located near the Village of Pecos. This meeting will be held on **May 18 from 6 pm to 8 pm at the Pecos Municipal Building, 54 Main Street in Pecos.**

El Molino is a 50-acre mill and tailing complex that primarily processed lead and zinc ore from the Terrero Mine between 1926 and 1939. Due to elevated levels of metals in soils and groundwater, NMED has identified this mine and mill complex as in need of environmental restoration.

NMED will also be taking public comment from May 18 to June 18 on its Compliance Monitoring Plans for the Pecos Mine and El Molino Mill. These plans are designed to monitor performance of environmental remedies in the two areas with a primary focus on groundwater and surface water quality. Revegetation of disturbed areas, erosion control, wetlands and wildlife habitat will be evaluated in the Environmental Compliance Monitoring Plans to be developed and released for public comment in the next few weeks.

Copies of these plans can be found at the Pecos Municipal Building or the New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive in Santa Fe.

Written comments on these plans should be submitted to Jerry Schoeppner, Project Manager, New Mexico Environment Department, 1190 St. Francis Drive, P.O. Box 26110, Santa Fe, NM 87502. Phone: (505) 827-0652, Fax: (505) 827-2965, or email: jerry_schoeppner@nmenv.state.nm.us

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